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# COMMENT OF THE DAY

## Mediation Hopes

THE hope expressed by the officially controlled Hungarian radio that Mr. Nehru and Mr. Chou En-lai will act as mediators, presumably with the design of reconciling the Hungarian Workers Councils and the Kadar government underlines the unhappy position of the existing Russian-created regime.

To bring the Premiers of two foreign countries into something which all along the puppet government has insisted is strictly an internal affair and requires no outside intervention for a settlement, is the frankest admission to date that Kadar has no confidence in his ability to restore normality in Hungary.

In point of fact, if Nehru and Chou should accept an invitation to use their good offices, they will need to direct their attention to the leaders of the Kremlin, not to Kadar and his associates.

The Hungarian workers are insistent about three demands: the withdrawal of Soviet troops, the release of Hungarians which the Russians have deported, and the return and reinstatement of Imre Nagy. Kadar is not being permitted by the Kremlin to accede to these requirements. Until he is, there is no point in anybody endeavouring to mediate between his government and the Hungarian workers.

The big question is, would Khrushchev and Company listen even to such influential voices of Nehru and Chou? Additionally can those two national leaders—one a neutralist, the other a Communist—find an agreed line of approach to the Russians? The official Peking attitude to date has been approval of the measures employed by the Soviets and their stooges in dealing with the rebellious Hungarians, which makes Chou's position somewhat delicate if he is now to associate himself with a proposal that the Soviets consent to the workers' demands.

The Russians may be prepared to lend a respectful ear to overtures from Nehru and Chou, but it will be extremely surprising if they agree to make concessions that will in any way weaken their political hold on Hungary. From the Hungarians' point of view the prospects of fruitful mediation are slim.

# TURKEY DEMANDS ACTION

## New Soviet Threat Must Be Stopped

### MENACING MILITARY BUILD-UP IN SYRIA

From Derek Marks

London, Nov. 30.

Turkey is demanding instant action to end the new Russian threat to the Middle East—infiltration into Syria.

This morning Turkey's Foreign Minister Edhem Menderes is to have talks in London with Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and War Minister John Hare.

And it was announced in Ankara last night that the Rumanian government has notified Turkey there is no more Rumanian oil available for the Turks.

The supply of Russian oil to Turkey is likely to stop next month when the trade pact between the two countries ends. Mr. Menderes arrived in London yesterday afternoon several hours ahead of schedule and at once went into consultations with his senior Embassy officials.

The cause of Turkey's new panic is the big Russian military build-up of Syria's dictator Colonel Sarraj. Throughout the past month Russian arms have been flying into Syria at a rate believed to exceed even the Soviet build-up of Egypt before the Anglo-French intervention.

#### LOST REVENUE

At the same time the blowing up of the Iraq Oil Petroleum Company's pipeline running from Iraq through Syria to the coast at Latakia is reducing Iraq's annual income from petrol by three-fifths of the normal £100 million a year.

Both the Iraqi and Turkish governments are becoming increasingly apprehensive of the military build-up and the Iraq government is desperately worried about its economic future.

Both governments are ready and willing to take immediate action to curb the Syrians. Last week-end at a meeting of the four Muslim members of the Baghdad pact in Baghdad the question of intervention was fully debated.

The Iraqi and Turks were opposed by the Persians and Pakistanis, both of whom demanded action against Syria should be confined to that possible through the United Nations.

There is considerable anxiety that with the big arms build-up that has already taken place, any military intervention would result in the appearance of Russian volunteers in Syria on a massive scale.

Soviet Foreign Minister Shepilov said on Wednesday he had conclusive proof that

Britain, France and Israel were planning an attack on Syria. He could have had no such information, but it is clear he was preparing the way for the introduction of volunteers if need be.

I understand Mr. Menderes will discuss with British ministers what action should be taken to deal with the situation which is now regarded as more menacing than that now prevailing in Egypt.—London Express Service.

### UN Police Force May Be Used

Ottawa, Nov. 29.

Canada's External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, said today that extension of the task of the United Nations Middle East police force to the borders between Israel and Syria and Jordan was "under consideration."

He said in the House of Commons that the extension was a difficult and complicated question. It might interfere with the force's original function of keeping the peace between Egypt and Israel.

But any change would have to be made by decision of the United Nations itself. Mr. Pearson was replying to a question about the situation along the Syrian and Jordan borders remained serious. But his information did not indicate any deterioration in the situation in recent days.—Reuter.

### Salvage Ships Head For Canal

New York, Nov. 29.

Dutch and Danish salvage vessels were on their way to the Mediterranean today for clearance work in the Suez Canal under United Nations auspices, a spokesman said.

He corrected an earlier UN statement that craft from Swedish and West German sources were also going to the Mediterranean.

But the official said that plans for UN assistance in clearing the canal were being developed "as rapidly as possible."

The Dutch and Danish vessels were going "as a first interim measure, pending completion of the plans," he said.—Reuter.

## AMERICA ISSUES A WARNING

Washington, Nov. 29.

The United States government said today it would view "with the utmost gravity" any threat to the territorial integrity or political independence of Turkey, Pakistan, Iraq and Persia.

The statement followed reports of Soviet infiltration in Syria and threats to Iraq. The State Department issued the statement, which was approved by President Eisenhower and Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State.

Officials said it was issued as a warning designed to demonstrate American support for the four countries, cited in the fifth member of the Middle East alliance.

#### Reaffirms Support

The statement was timed officials said to make clear US concern for the welfare of these four countries at a time when the Baghdad alliance was being sharply assailed by other Arab leaders and the Soviet Union for allegedly playing an upsetting role in the Middle East.

The statement said: "The United States reaffirms its support for the collective efforts of these nations (Turkey, Pakistan, Iraq and Persia) to maintain their independence."

"A threat to the territorial integrity or the political independence of these members would be viewed by the United States with the utmost gravity." —Reuter.

### Princess Margaret Called To The Bar

London, Nov. 29.

Princess Margaret was formally called to the bar tonight and became an honorary barrister of Lincoln's Inn.

She is the fifth member of the royal family to be called to the bar, the others being the Queen Mother, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Windsor and the Duke of Gloucester.—Reuter.

## SUCCESSOR TO DULLES?

★ THOMAS E. DEWEY, former Governor of New York and twice unsuccessful Presidential candidate, is considered by many as John Foster Dulles' most likely successor if the present U.S. Secretary of State should decide to retire after a discreet interval following his illness.

Yorke Henderson presents a portrait of the man in tomorrow's big week-end China Mail. What are the characteristics that mark him out? Will he answer it called?

★ This is just one of the many interesting features you will find in your China Mail this Saturday. Read also—

- Britain Burns Out on Broadway, by Rex Harrison.
- There's Not Much Waltzing in Vienna Now, by Anne Scott-Jones.
- The Man Who Sold Jets to Israel, by Sam White.
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## DONATES RARE BLOOD

Dublin, Nov. 29.

An Irish farm worker, Patrick Ryan, the only man in Europe known to possess a rare type of blood common only to Bombay, India, donated a pint of his blood today to save a new-born baby in Amsterdam. The blood was flown from Dublin tonight, in response to an appeal by the Amsterdam hospital authorities. When the appeal was first sent out, no one in London could donate the necessary type of blood, of a very rare group. However, records kept by the Limerick blood transfusion service in Ireland showed that Ryan had contributed blood of that type two years ago. Ryan, found working in the fields, was rushed to his home where he donated a pint of the precious fluid.—France-Press.

## Anarchy Warning By Workers

Budapest, Nov. 29.

Workers leaders warned tonight that Hungary will be plunged into "total anarchy" if Premier Janos Kadar continues to reject the workers' demands.

A spokesman for the Central Workers of Greater Budapest issued the warning shortly before the workers' body started a new round of discussions with the Premier.

They said the evening session would be "the most decisive yet" in a series of talks, which have dragged on for three weeks, getting nowhere.

"We are the last legal body which can solve the situation peacefully," a Council spokesman said. "If we fail there will be a spontaneous strike throughout the country" he added.

#### PASSPORTS ORDER

Hungary's puppet Government slammed down the Iron Curtain with a bang today on a helpless nation still struggling for freedom.

Government sources said the cabinet of Premier Kadar had decided not to issue any more passports or exit visas.

At the same time refugees reported Russian infantry were laying minefields across the Austrian frontier, across which 98,000 Hungarians fled to freedom since October 23.

"The Government's decision on passports cancelled out a report published by the Hungarian Army newspaper last week. The newspaper had announced that passports would be issued to spy Hungarians who obtained a foreign visa and a written invitation to go abroad.

Even Hungarians who hold passports would not get them re-validated, the Government decided. Under Hungarian law a passport has to be re-validated after each trip out of the country.—United Press.

## Now There's Trouble In Albania

Belgrade, Nov. 29.

Reports reaching here today said mass arrests and clashes with the police have taken place in Albania, smallest and most backward of the Communist states in East Europe.

The reports which could not be confirmed from independent sources said there were widespread discontent in the country which is bordered by Greece and Yugoslavia.

They said that more than 20 people were killed recently when police opened fire on a crowd demonstrating in Tirana, the capital, in protest against a lack of domestic fuel to meet the early onset of winter.

Other reports said the authorities had arrested 20 peasants several weeks ago in an effort to curb rising discontent in the northern Albanian villages of Fliora, Tropoja and Hekshani—all near the Yugoslav frontier.

The authorities were stated to be increasingly jittery and nervous. Anti-government ferment was also reported from Vojuna, main port in the south of Albania, on the Adriatic.

The Yugoslav press has said that a new wave of terror was underway in Albania; many were being sent to concentration camps, while Yugoslav troops were being attacked at secret meetings of Albanian party activists.

#### STALINITES

Foreign observers here said that the Albanian rulers, the Party leader Mr. Enver Hoxha, and the Prime Minister, Mehmet Shehu, were regarded by Yugoslavs as the most Stalinist of those still in power in Eastern Europe.

Mr. Hoxha, particularly, has been the butt of editorials and caricatures here in recent weeks, after his article in Pravda, early this month, criticising Yugoslavia's brand of Communism.

Moreover, Mr. Hoxha in a speech on November 8, made certain remarks indicating that all was not well in the country, the observers said.—Reuter.

## A Costly Street Kiss

Kuala Lumpur, Nov. 29.

A rock and roll dance that ended in a kiss on the street here today cost a young Malay and his girl friend MYR3 each.

Alli Akbar, 22, and Fatimah Binti Umar, 21, were each fined this amount in the second magistrate's court after they had pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct—"kissing one another in a public place." A policeman gave evidence that he walked up and arrested them as they kissed while listening to rock and roll music from a "disk box" outside a coffee shop.—Reuter.

## THE SUEZ CANAL: IMPORTANT CABINET DECISION REPORTED

London, Nov. 30.

Belief hardened in London today that the British Government is ready to pull its troops out of Egypt without insisting on any hard-and-fast guarantees on the future control of the Suez Canal.

But it hopes, by agreeing on an early withdrawal, to earn sufficient support from the United States and world opinion to salvage some of the objectives of its overall Middle East policy, political sources said.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, who returned from the United Nations on Wednesday, is understood to have stressed to the Cabinet yesterday the imperative need for a restoration of good relations with the United States, impaired by the Anglo-French intervention in Egypt.

This, it was argued, is the surest way of securing American aid in halting Communist infiltration in the strategically vital Middle East area, getting the Suez Canal quickly unlocked, and restoring the flow of oil to Western Europe.

Political quarters today believed the Government had concluded that the grave situation created by Communist penetration in Syria now overshadowed the issue of the Canal's future.

They thought the Cabinet probably had agreed in principle to a "phased" withdrawal from Egypt.

#### MPs Startled

Internally, the reported decision may heighten tension in the Conservative Party and shake the Government.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, after making an interim statement to Parliament yesterday afternoon, went to a private meeting of the Government's Parliamentary supporters last night and startled many with his frank summing up of the position.

His weighing of the "factors in favour of withdrawal and against it" damaged a considerable section of the party which is against any "premature" retreat.

Those advocating a firm attitude towards Colonel Nasser—including the "Suez Group" which two years ago opposed evacuation of the Canal Zone base—were so disturbed that

they hastily summoned another meeting of their own.

The Liberal News Chronicle reported that British troops in Port Said were to be pulled out before Christmas and said the Government hoped to announce a "firm withdrawal date" on Monday.

The newspaper's political correspondent said Ministers were resigned to a revolt by their right-wing back-benchers.

#### Great Experiment

"It is thought that up to 30 Conservative MPs may refuse to back the Government's decision," he wrote.

"But Ministers believe they can win over the bulk of the party by arguing that the operation has inaugurated a great United Nations experiment—and that to keep it up any longer would be disastrous to the economy."

The mass-circulation Daily Mirror said the Government had decided "in face of world opinion, to withdraw our troops from the Suez Canal without any guarantees as to the future of the Canal."

"The withdrawal will begin probably within a fortnight, if not earlier."

The Daily Mirror claimed Mr. Selwyn Lloyd had told the Cabinet there seemed no hope of clearing the Canal or of getting guarantees about its future while British and French troops remained on Egyptian soil.

"Having taken their decision, however, the Cabinet have been forced to hedge publicly with consultations take place with Mr. Christian Flandin, the French Foreign Minister."

The Daily Mirror said all indications were that the French Government "is also prepared to admit that Operation Suez has been a failure and get out." —China Mail Special.

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## WESTERN OIL SUPPLY PROBLEM US Awaiting Outcome Of Allied Meeting

Washington, Nov. 29.

A State Department spokesman said today that a solution to the problem of American supplies of oil would be influenced by a final statement from the governments involved.

He said the United States was awaiting the announcement of a final position by France and Britain, following talks between British Foreign Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd, and French

### MASSACRE IN SOUTH AMERICA

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 29.

Several members of the savage South American Gavioes Indian tribe, who recently made their first contact with civilization, have been massacred for "treason" by other members of the tribe, according to reports reaching here today from the native protection post at Belém.

The reports said that about 100 members of the tribe recently broke away from their kinsmen and settled near the protection post, where they were given food and clothing.

The whole "splitter" tribe was attacked and several of them were killed in the fighting.—France-Press.

### UN Should Speed Self-Government Timetable

United Nations,  
Nov. 29.

Burma today urged the UN Trusteeship Council to "speed the timetable of self-government and independence."

Ambassador U Pe Kin called attention to the fact that 45 million persons are now destined for self-government and independence but that another 100 million are still living under foreign political domination.

"They represent part of the magnitude of the task before us," he said.

**EXPRESSED HOPE**

He also expressed hope that the Trusteeship Council, of which Burma is a member, will consider the disputes affecting France and Algeria, and the Netherlands and West New Guinea.

"Perhaps the Assembly discussion will convince the democratic Government of France that it might wisely extend full democracy—unequivocal choice—to the Algerians," Pe Kin said.

"And it might convince the democratic Government of the Netherlands that when it quits an area which it has conquered by arms and trade more than three centuries ago it is better to quit it fully, unequivocally."

**REMOVE THORN**

"Once the Government of the Netherlands removes the thorn of West Irian it can then voluntarily remove the ancient ties between Indonesia and herself. I venture to predict that such ties will become stronger and more friendly in direct proportion to the withdrawal from West Irian, or become even worse than they are now if the Netherlands unwisely remains in this ancient portion of the Indonesian archipelago."—United Press.

### Correspondent Leaves Russia

Paris, Nov. 29.

Welles Hansen, New York Times correspondent in Moscow, has been expelled from the Soviet Union. Two reported to the Times correspondent left the USSR yesterday, the agency said.

The Soviet authorities decided on November 21 to expel Hansen on grounds that "he violated the rules of conduct of foreign correspondents in the Soviet Union." Hansen was expelled.

### Taken Note

The spokesman said the Government had taken note of the statement made in the House of Commons by Mr. L. J. 2d today on the relation between the phased withdrawal of Anglo-French troops and the reinforcement of the international force in Egypt.

The spokesman said that American oil companies were exerting efforts to meet the European oil crisis, but, he added, a final statement from the governments involved would have a definite influence on the problem.

M. Paul Ramadier, French Finance Minister, said in Paris today that negotiations with the United States for speedy oil deliveries were in progress and that "no political conditions have been attached to the sale of oil."

### Prediction

Several Paris evening newspapers tonight predicted that the United States was on the point of announcing an oil aid programme for Europe.

Mr. Ramadier, speaking to a meeting of the National Assembly's Economic Affairs and Industrial Production Commissions, also said that "the only problem is that of Transport."

Well informed sources stress, that behind the present resentment at United States' delays in announcing an oil aid programme, is a growing feeling that American concessions to Arab susceptibilities may well be the long term interests of a Europe dependent on Middle East oil for at least another two decades.

The Executive Committee of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation today approved two reports on the oil situation which will be passed to the OEEC Council when it meets here tomorrow afternoon.

### Requirements

One was from the oil Committee on Europe's oil needs, availability, and how much Western Hemisphere oil Europe will need to bridge the gap between them. It was based on information received from member countries about their stocks needs, imports and available shipping tonnage.

The other was from the Economic Committee and was a preliminary study of the effects of the oil shortage on Europe's economy.

No details of either report were disclosed.—France-Press & Reuter.

### Communist Ban In Cyprus

Nicosia, Nov. 29.

The Government of Cyprus today extended for another 12 months the ban on the AKEL, the Cyprus Communist Party, three of its satellite organizations and four left-wing newspapers.

They had all been proscribed in December last year and the ban was extended by a gazette order for one year tonight.—France-Press.

### New-Style Cycle Pump



Cyclists have a falling of leaving behind their bicycle pumps when they set off on a journey, and this falling frequently has uncomfortable results. These days will soon be past, however, thanks to a Frankfurt manufacturer. His pump is built into the cycle frame and the handle is concealed beneath the fold-back saddle, as pictured.—Express Photo.

## Proposed Convention On 'Law Of The Sea'

United Nations, Nov. 29.

A proposed international diplomatic conference to establish a convention of "the law of the sea" was endorsed today by Italy, the Netherlands, Peru and Cuba.

The United Nations General Assembly's Legal Committee opened debate on the proposal, made by the International Law Commission as the best means of reconciling the many viewpoints regarding the high seas, particularly the extent of territorial waters.

The Netherlands delegate, Mr. A. J. P. Tamme, said the proposed conference should be held as soon as possible in the hope that "something constructive will replace an often uncertain and controversial situation."

### Dutch View

Mr. Tamme dealt particularly with the Commission's report that it could not resolve the different opinions on territorial waters.

The Netherlands, he said, maintained its view that "as long as there is no rule of law beyond the undisputed rule of sovereignty inside the three-mile zone and beyond the undisputed freedom of the high seas, no claim of sovereignty in extension of the three-mile zone has to be recognized by other States."

The Commission has reported the lack of general agreement between nations who adhere to the three-mile limit on territorial waters and those who claim jurisdiction up to 12 miles at sea.

Mr. Tamme said: "As long as certain territorial claims are not based on a generally recognized rule of international law

or, in a few particular cases, of historic rights, they cannot be made valid erga omnes."

### International Action

He said the Netherlands favoured "international action in order to check the tendency towards unilateral legislation relating to the regime of the high seas and of the territorial seas."

The Italian delegate, Signor Antonio Azara, said the present stage of the long study of the problem "demanded the calling of a conference" to consider and resolve all aspects of the question. He emphasized "the primary importance of principles which underline international law regarding the high seas, especially the freedom of the sea."—United Press.

## DE GAULLE COMES BACK INTO PROMINENCE

Paris, Nov. 29.

The name of wartime Free French leader, General Charles De Gaulle, has once again come into prominence in political circles in Paris in connection with France's internal situation.

The former head of the postwar provisional government has been in voluntary "exile" from public life since the appearance of the Gaullist Party "Rassemblement Du Peuple Français."

A number of political observers are now resuming with greater insistence the well known theme of "Charles De Gaulle, the nation's final resort."

### Not Concrete

There is yet no concrete basis for the rumours of the past few days concerning De Gaulle's intentions. The General nevertheless closely follows developments in the internal and external situations.

Very recently, De Gaulle received France's Resident Minister in Algiers, Robert Lacoste, in private audience. It is also known that while he has never taken part in the mechanics of the present government, he nevertheless has external contacts with Premier Guy Mollet's Cabinet.

The prospect of an appeal to De Gaulle has been particularly explored by journalist Andre Sibbio, hitherto considered in French political circles as among those closest to the General.

### Not Unnoticed

Sibbio discussed a return by De Gaulle to political life in an article published in the weekly *Carrefour* two days ago, without, however, indicating whether his position was purely personal or based on the General's own views.

Sibbio's article did not pass unnoticed and the evening paper *Paris-Press* took up the theme under the title of "Sir around De Gaulle."

The paper declared that "the former Free French leader does not disapprove the present government's policy in the Middle East and in Algeria, but he feels that the 'system' is incapable of resisting the pressure which is going to be exerted on France to internationalise the Algerian problem."

### Study Projects

Turning to the "plans attributed to De Gaulle," *Paris-Press* concluded: "The General appears less anxious to make a



Gen. De Gaulle

declaration than to study the projects being formed around him for a fifth Republic.

"This republic would have a presidential regime whose leader would be elected by representatives of all the countries of the French Union."—France-Press.

## Canadian Govt Wins Motion

Ottawa, Nov. 29.

The Commons unanimously endorsed Government Mid-East policies in principle today after defeating a Conservative non-confidence motion, 171 to 38, criticising the Government for its independent stand.

The House also immediately approved a \$1 million appropriation for Hungarian refugee relief, without debate. It then took up an appropriation covering Canada's participation in the United Nations Mid-East emergency force.—United Press.

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## 'MISUNDERSTANDINGS PASSING'

## More Flexible Spirit Needed Among Allies

MURPHY'S ASSURANCE

New York, Nov. 29.

Deputy Secretary of State, Robert Murphy, said tonight that "whatever misunderstandings might exist between the United States and its allies on Middle East policy 'are passing.'"

He said the Atlantic pact would remain "a successful barrier to Soviet expansion."

Speaking before members of the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in New York, Murphy also urged "a new and more flexible spirit" among the "countries directly involved" in order to facilitate permanent solutions to Middle East problems.

In a speech devoted largely to the Middle East, Murphy said there were "honest differences of opinion regarding the method of solving problems or achieving objectives."

## Collective Security

"It does not mean that because such differences arise that traditional and cherished friendships and understandings are irreparably damaged."

Recalling that one of the foundations of American foreign policy had been the establishment of a collective security system between nations, Murphy said: "One of the major elements of that system of collective security is the North Atlantic Treaty alliance, a keystone of our foreign policy. Nothing has happened in the recent past which should or must be allowed to disturb that alliance, including as it does our oldest and dearest friends," Murphy added.

The Deputy Secretary of State said: "Whatever misunderstandings there may be, these are passing. The North Atlantic Pact will remain a successful barrier to Soviet expansion."

The United States should not at any moment relax its "attention from the overshadowing danger hanging over the free world, constituted by the policy of the Soviet Union," Murphy said.

## Taken Lead

Returning to the Middle Eastern crisis, Murphy recalled that the United States has "taken the lead in efforts to meet the immediate situation."

He added that the United States could also strive to find permanent solutions to the problems of that region. He expressed the hope "that a new and more flexible spirit could be developed among the countries directly involved."

In Augusta, Alabama, Mr. James Hagerly, press secretary at the White House, today confirmed that President Eisenhower had sent a message to the French Premier, Guy Mollet, several days ago.

In this message, the President expressed the hope that relations between France and the United States would continue on the friendliest footing.

## Premier Thanked

Hagerly told reporters that the message had been transmitted to the French Premier by Douglas Dillon, US Ambassador in Paris, and that it constituted a reply to the message of congratulation sent by Mollet to the President at the time of his reelection.

The press secretary added that in his message, Eisenhower thanked the French Premier and expressed "the hope and desire that American-French relations will be continued on the most completely friendly basis, and co-operative basis, as they have in the past."

Hagerly said the Middle East question had not been mentioned in President Eisenhower's message.

He said that as far as he knew, Eisenhower was not at this time contemplating a meeting with either the French Premier or the British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden.

Commenting on an opinion expressed by Senator Walter George that such a meeting might take place early next year, Hagerly said he did not rule out the possibility of a Big Three conference in the future, but "two weeks ago, I said I knew of no plans at the moment, and I haven't changed that statement."—France-Press.

## Ceylon Bases Transfer Negotiations

London, Nov. 29.

Anglo-Ceylonese negotiations on the transfer of British naval and air force bases in Ceylon to the Colombo Government opened today.

An authoritative source said that the Ceylon delegation to the private discussions was led by Sir Claude Corea, the Dominion's High Commissioner in London.

He was assisted by Commodore Royce de Mel, Commander of the Royal Ceylon Navy and Mr. N. D. Jilla, an assistant secretary to the Ceylon Ministry for External Affairs and Defence.

The source said that the talks will reach ministerial level when the Ceylon Prime Minister, Mr. Solomon Bandaranaike, attends them from Monday next onwards. Mr. Bandaranaike is expected here by air from New York on Saturday.—Reuter.

## Plot To Overthrow Nepalese Govt

Kathmandu, Nov. 28.

Thirteen Nepalese were today sentenced by a special tribunal to prison terms ranging from six months to three and a half years for plotting to overthrow the Government by force of arms.

The prisoners, who included one woman, were accused of arrested last August. The other four were acquitted.

Nepalese press reports stated that the plot was inspired by a foreign power. The reports also said that a police officer, arrested together with the accused, was denounced and transferred to one of the provincial jails.

## Shake Hands With A King



King Baudouin of the Belgians shakes hands with a youngster as he leaves the Town Hall during his official visit to St Nicolas-Waas in Belgium. — Express Photo.

## MR K CRACKS A JOKE

## Drinks Tomato Juice At Yugoslav Party

Moscow, Nov. 29.

Soviet Communist Party First Secretary, Nikita Khrushchev, toasted Soviet-Yugoslav friendship today in a reception marked by warm cordiality between the Soviet leaders and the Yugoslav Ambassador, Velko Michunovich.

The reception was held at the Yugoslav Embassy in commemoration of the Yugoslav National holiday.

It was attended by Khrushchev, Soviet Premier, Nikolai Bulganin, State Control Minister, Vyacheslav Molotov, First Vice-Premier Anastas Mikoyan and Lazar Kaganovich, Defence Minister, Georgi Zhukov and other members of what is sometimes called the "active nucleus" of the Soviet leadership.

## Outdoing Each Other

Bulganin, Khrushchev and Molotov appeared to be outdoing each other in their courteous attentions to the Yugoslav Ambassador and his wife.

The presence of the important Soviet leaders and the invitation extended to Michunovich to speak in a televised broadcast over the Soviet radio tonight seemed to confirm Khrushchev's remark to the Yugoslav Ambassador at an Albanian reception last night: "We have, of course, differences of opinion, but we are also friends."

In his radio talk, Michunovich said he was pleased by the general consensus of the normalisation of Soviet-Yugoslav relations, and he stressed the need for sincerity in those relations.

At the same time, the Soviet leaders also displayed marked cordiality towards Western

diplomats present at the reception.

The French Ambassador, M. Maurice Dejean, who conferred at length with Bulganin at last night's reception, held another long conversation with the Soviet Premier tonight.

Khrushchev drank only tomato juice early in the evening but toward the end of the reception he agreed to drink a few glasses of champagne to toast Soviet-Yugoslav friendship.

Khrushchev, laughing, turned to a group of journalists and said: "We have just been told a malevolent but amusing joke. I'll tell it to you just as I heard it: Sir Anthony Eden (British Prime Minister) gets sick. Several doctors consult together and give this diagnosis: inflammation of the Canal."

## Laughter

The joke was greeted with laughter by the Soviet leaders and members of a visiting Rumanian delegation, who were gathered round.—France-Press.

Tokyo, Nov. 29.

A Japanese Government spokesman said tonight the Government was considering issuing a national amnesty on the occasion of Japan's entry to the United Nations.

The spokesman said Japan's entry to the United Nations was of great significance and should be celebrated in an appropriate manner.—Reuter.

## DANISH TROOPS MOVE INTO NO-MAN'S-LAND TODAY

Port Said, Nov. 29.

Danish troops will move between British and Egyptian forces in the Suez Canal Zone tomorrow morning. It was authoritatively learned tonight.

They will form a buffer between the two sides in no-man's-land, a 500-yard stretch of territory running along the Suez Canal. The Danish area is 20 miles south of Port Said.

The announcement that the Danish troops of the United Nations Emergency Force would form a buffer zone was made here earlier today by a British Army spokesman but no time was set for their arrival at the frontline.

The authoritative source said a Danish company will leave Port Said tomorrow morning and move to the Suez Canal Zone.

## STRIKE ADDS TO DIFFICULTIES IN ALGERIA

Algiers, Nov. 29.

Almost all Moslem shopkeepers in Algiers today kept their shops closed, following a strike call by the General Union of Algerian Tradesmen to protest against the sanctions taken against shopkeepers who took part in a strike on November 1.

Last night some 10 leaders of the Tradesmen's Union were placed under arrest by the French authorities. The strike is scheduled to last 48 hours.

An Algerian rebel terrorist today threw a grenade at a French army truck in Benisaf, a coastal centre some 30 miles southeast of Tlemcen, killing a French non-commissioned officer and wounding two soldiers.

## Farmer Killed

Rebels killed a European farmer and seriously wounded his son last night in the town of Bayard, some 18 miles from Philippeville.

Two French policemen were killed and three others were wounded yesterday in a clash with a rebel unit at Sidi All Bou, in the Kabylie mountains region.

French forces killed three rebels and seized a number of arms. In another clash in the same region, near Ouahias, a French army patrol killed 17 Algerian rebels.

In Algiers itself, a French air force patrol arrested two terrorists who had thrown a grenade into a cafe. Ten rebels were arrested by a French army patrol near Port National. Several rebels who sought to escape were killed.

## Terrorist Bombs

The French authorities in Algiers today confirmed that a number of bombs found and exploded yesterday in various parts of the city were of the

same type of manufacture as the bombs made by Communist terrorist, Yveton, Yveton, who was arrested earlier this month has been sentenced to death for terrorist activities.

Two clashes took place today between French security forces and rebel groups in the Tebessa area of Algeria, resulting in 32 outlaws killed and 10 taken prisoner.

A convoy of arms from Tunisia was intercepted near Elma El Aboul, south of Tebessa. In the resulting clash, the rebels lost 17 killed and 8 captured. A quantity of war material was recovered.

In the other clash, 15 outlaws were killed and two were captured south of Tebessa. Two members of the security force were killed.

## Ambush

Meanwhile, in the Tlemcen area, security forces met a well-armed outlaw group. Sharp fighting followed in the high mountain country with the rebels losing 20 killed and 12 taken prisoner.

In the Bone area, army units ambushed a group of rebels, killing five.—France-Press.

## Egypt Exporting Cotton To East

Cairo, Nov. 29.  
The Government has arranged for cotton to be exported for the first time from Suez instead of Alexandria since the Suez Canal is closed.

At the same time, it was announced that Egypt has already started shipping cotton from Alexandria to Europe.

Commercial circles said the United States is expected to become Egypt's prime trading partner following the severance of relations with Britain and France.—United Press.

## Franco-Libyan Treaty Ratified

Paris, Nov. 29.

The French National Assembly today completed legislative action, approving the ratification of the Franco-Libyan treaty, which calls for the return of Fezzan to Libya.

The Council of the Republic (Senate) approved the ratification by a vote of 196 to 92, following approval by the National Assembly earlier this month.

The Fezzan was occupied by French forces during World War two in the campaign conducted by Marshal Leclerc.

The ratification bill must now be signed by President Rene Coty.—France-Press.

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ROBERT MURPHY

## Invasion Of Hungary

## NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS PROTEST

Stockholm, Nov. 29.

The Spanish poet, Juan Ramon Jimenez, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1956, and seven other Nobel Prize winners, have sent a telegram to the Soviet Premier, Nikolai Bulganin, protesting against Soviet pressure in Hungary, it was learned here today.

The message was sent through the intermediary of the Swedish Committee for Cultural Freedom.

The telegram and that events in Hungary represents a flagrant attack on human rights, and demanded, in the name of Nobel Prize winners, the immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary.

## OTHER SIGNATURES

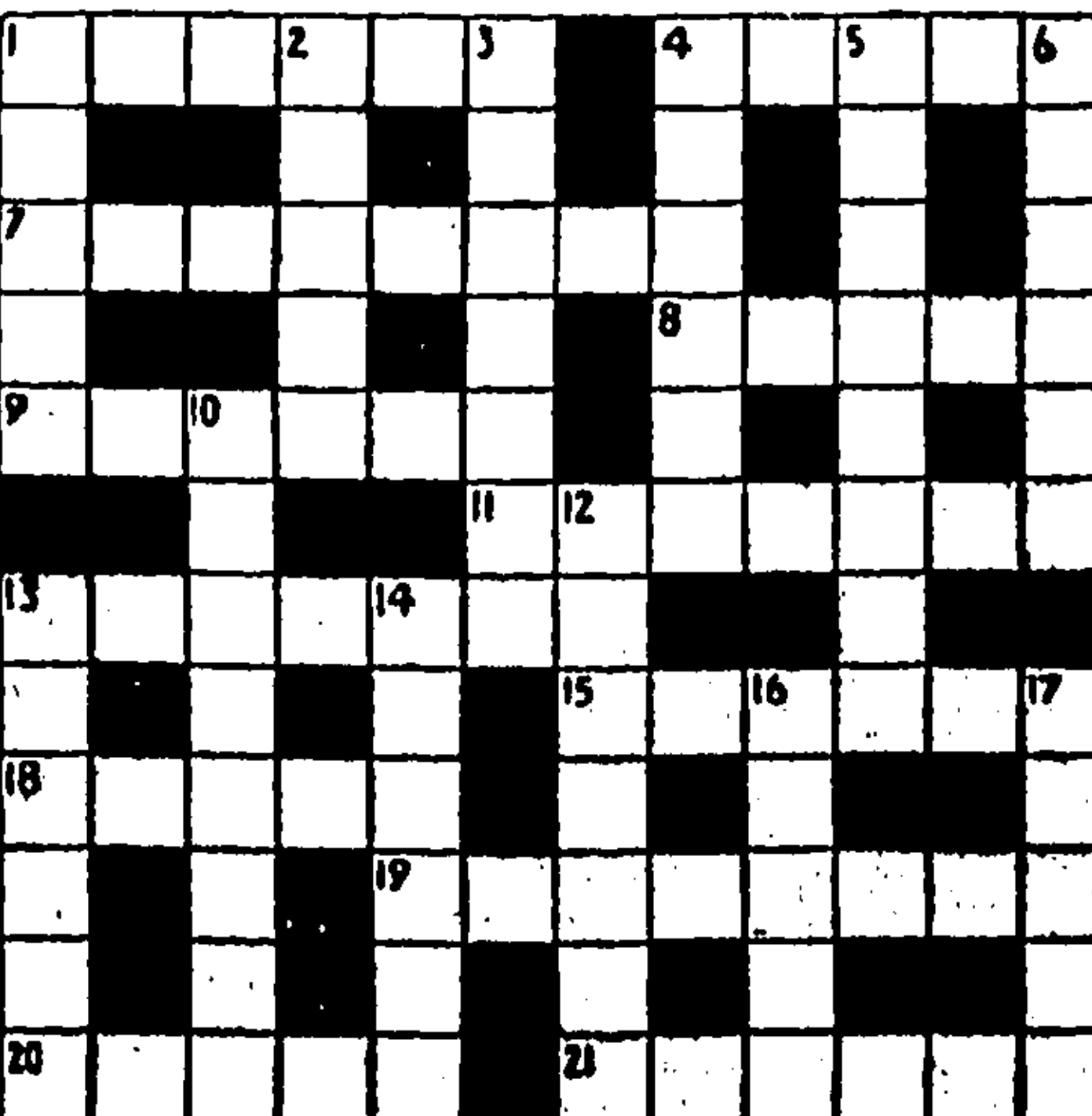
In addition to Jimenez, the other signatures were winners of the Nobel Prize for Medicine, John F. Enders, Hans Adolf Krey, Fritz Lippman, Frederick C. Robbins, and Thomas H. Weller, winner of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry, Linus Carl Pauling, and the winner of the Nobel Prize for Physics, Fritz Zernike.

Meanwhile it was announced in August, that President Eisenhower said today that the courage of the Hungarian people was an inspiration for all freedom-loving persons throughout the world.

The President urged all Americans to contribute generously to the campaign launched by the American Red Cross today to collect \$5,000,000 for emergency relief for Hungary and for Hungarian refugees in Austria.

In a telegram to Eisenhower, Mr. Roland Hurliman, President of the American Red Cross, said that 83,000 Hungarian refugees had entered Austria and that thousands more were arriving each day.—France-Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- 1 Boy (6).
- 4 Went wrong (6).
- 7 Scatter (8).
- 8 Scottish landowner (5).
- 9 Withdrawal from (8).
- 11 Eminence (7).
- 12 Tyranny (9).
- 13 Special aptitude (9).
- 14 Mob "he host" (8).
- 15 Ingres, into (8).
- 20 Rustic (5).
- 21 Slurbers (6).

## DOWN

- 1 Fashions (8).
- 2 Sufficient (8).
- 3 Snake (7).
- 4 Lace-hole (8).
- 5 Trustworthy (8).
- 6 Chest (6).
- 10 One who is always right! (8).
- 12 Grooms (7).
- 13 Medical man (8).
- 14 Trial (6).
- 15 Vaseal (8).
- 17 Tries out (8).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Soot, 4 Capture, 8 Room, 9 Tier, 10 Supreme, 11 Eats, 12 Bow, 14 Selects, 17 Unite, 19 Large, 22 Prepare, 26 Road, 27 Arch, 28 Adipose, 29 Obese, 30 Ears, 31 Protest, 32 Bued, Down: 3 Orison, 5 Arrest, 6 Castle, 8 Amused, 9 Tense, 11 Remit, 12 Bump, 13 Sire, 16 Cure, 18 Spag, 19 Knap, 20 Ardour, 21 Gable, 22 Rises, 24 Fifth, 25 Erel.



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Sir Evelyn that "You must reply: 'In a while, crocodile.'"

British Bwanna, determined not to be caught on the hop like Sir Evelyn, have arranged for experts on the language to be imported into Kenya as instructors.

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# WHY I BROKE WITH THE DAILY WORKER

**A** S I understand it you have resigned from the Daily Worker? Yes, I did that.

But you have not resigned from the Communist Party?

No, and I am not going to. I left the Daily Worker for two reasons — one professional, and one political.

From the professional point of view, I felt that it was not consistent with my calling as a journalist to continue working for a newspaper which sent me on a really momentous international assignment, and then did not use my despatches.

Then the political reason. I take the view that the Soviet action in Hungary was a crime and a tragic blunder both from the Soviet point of view and from the point of view of the whole international working class.

The Daily Worker supports the Soviet action.

Now as to why I feel it not only possible, but essential, that I remain inside the Communist Party.

I want to fight for my point of view inside the party, and I think I can win a majority of the members of the party at that point of view.

It is not only my point of view. A petition protesting against the paper's treatment of events in Hungary was signed by 19 of my colleagues out of an editorial staff of 30.

What were the despatches you sent from Budapest which the Daily Worker refused?

I sent altogether three despatches. From Budapest two, and one from Vienna. The first story was a straightforward account of what I had seen as soon as I arrived at Hegyeshalom, on the night of October 29.

I described the rejection of the people at their national revolution over a ruthless police dictatorship. I described, without in any sense approving of mob justice, the lynching of A.V.H. men (secret police).

I described the frightful atrocity at Mageritov, where 19 hours after I crossed the border, I had been shown the bodies of 80 working people machine-gunned in cold blood by A.V.H. men, one of whom I later saw lynched.

I described the election of a new workers' committee which I saw at the big State farm at Babolna. And I described the general situation in Budapest.

This despatch was not used. The assistant editor of the Daily Worker instructed me to return home. But when I arrived back in London, the editor said: "Why did he come back?"

He also said, incidentally, that sending me to Budapest was the greatest mistake of his life.

**Peter Fryer—the Communist journalist sent by the Daily Worker to report the Budapest rising—explains here why he resigned from that paper. His story is given in reply to questions by Colin Lawson, who met Fryer in Budapest. We devote this page to the story because (a) it is a remarkable personal case of Conscience v Communism; (b) it gives an unparalleled inside picture of the crisis inside the Daily Worker.**

The second despatch was an interview with a British Communist called Charles Coutts, who is the English editor of World Youth, published in Budapest.

He had been working in Budapest for three years, and he described the causes, the beginning and the future prospects of the Hungarian revolution in a way that fitted in almost 100 per cent with the views I had formed.

I am going to tell you what happened to that despatch. For the first edition of the Daily Worker it was cut, and cut ruthlessly, by George Matthews, the assistant secretary of the Communist Party who was standing in at the Daily Worker in the absence of Moscow of the editor, J. R. Campbell.

Matthews cut out, for example, Coutts' reference to there being no democratic discussion within the Hungarian Communist Party.

I may say it was an excellent interview. Coutts felt really deeply about things, and it poured out when he came to see me at breakfast at the Duna Hotel.

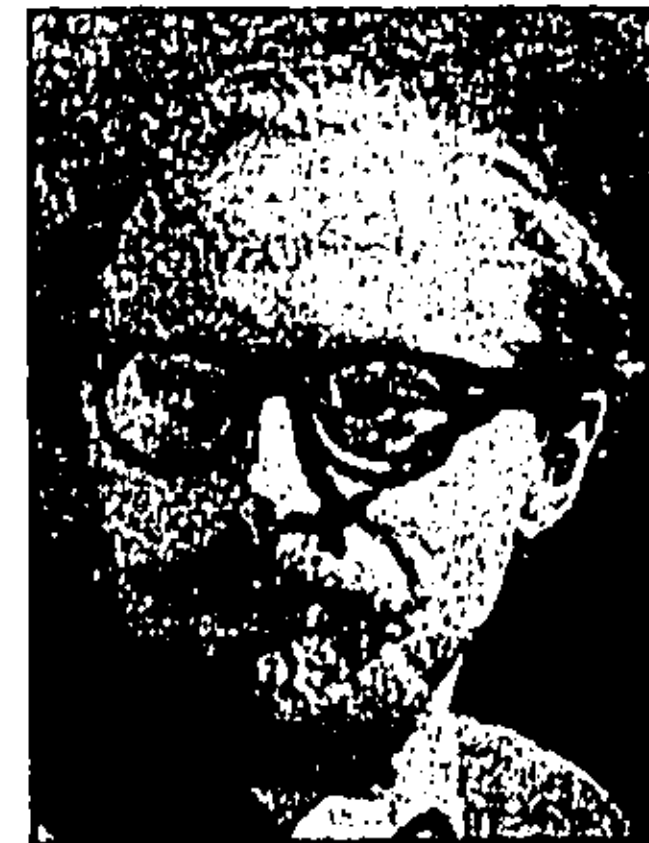
Now I am told that there were many protests from members of the staff at the way Matthews had cut this piece, and as a result of these protests it was partly restored, but only partly, for the first edition by Allen Hutt.

There were further protests after the first edition came off, and further restorations were made, but not to the extent that "we published this with normal editing and 'rubbing'" as the Daily Worker claims.

The third despatch I filed soon after arriving in Bristol Hotel in Vienna on November 11.

The third despatch was not published at all? No, and in fact the editor who had that day returned from Moscow, realised to let other members of the staff read it.

Can you give me briefly the gist of this despatch and what the editor's reaction was to the despatches?



Peter Fryer

It began with a factual description of the terrible devastation in many areas of Budapest, which you and I witnessed.

It included the sentence: "To anyone who loves equally the Socialist Soviet Union and the Hungarian people it was heart-breaking."

It described certain excesses committed by Soviet troops in the heat of battle.

Did you see these excesses committed?

I saw the result of one of them.

I saw an old man of 70 lying on the pavement dead with a loaf of bread still in his hand. He had been shot by a Soviet tank as he was coming away from a bread shop. They had half-covered his body with the red, white, and green flag of Hungary.

Then I took issue with the Soviet communiques and with the broadcasts by the "Workers and Peasants' Government."

I argued that there was no "white terror" in Hungary. I asked: "If the Soviet intervention was necessary to put down counter-revolution, how is it to be explained that some of the fiercest resistance of all was in the working-class districts of Pest and Csepel?"

Or: "How is the declaration of the workers of Szabolcs to be explained that they would defend their Socialist town, the plant and houses they

had built with their own hands, against the Soviet invasion?"

I described a visit to the headquarters of a guerrilla detachment in the VII district of Budapest, and I told how there were ominous signs of the reappearance on the streets and at checkpoints of the hated A.V.H.

Why did you go to the British Legation on Sunday, November 4?

Partly because I didn't want to be killed, partly because I wanted to remain with the other British journalists for professional reasons, and partly because as a British citizen this was my legal right.

May I also say that there have been curious suggestions that no Communist should have gone there.

Did you at any time send a despatch telling of the extremely heavy Red Army reinforcements being poured into Budapest and Hungary?

No, I was going to mention them in the piece I had ready on Thursday, November 1, but my call came through too late on that date.

The Coutts piece took up the whole of the time I had on the Friday but in any case I thought at that time that those reinforcements were explicable on the ground that the Russians wanted to protect their withdrawal and their civilians.

And indeed on the Saturday at the Press conference in the Parliament building Tilly said he regarded it as humanly impossible that the Russians would attack, and indeed I think that was the general opinion at that time.

Were you believing the estimates of Red Army reinforcements, assessed by Western observers?

Not at that time.

You thought they were exaggerated?

Yes, I took the view that having been there 11 years, the Russians had a lot of kit there to get out, and that some reinforcements were understandable. I was wrong.

Do you now believe that every one of the satellite countries — East Germany, East Asia, Rumania, Poland — has in fact a secret police system equal to that which you and I have seen at work in Hungary?

We seem to be getting a little far from the Hungarian revolution. But I simply don't know. I don't think that the circumstances in each of the Eastern European countries is identical.

I would say, for example, that in East Germany, where the Communist Party has always had deep roots in the people, that

secret police is a very different proposition from what it was in Hungary.

I would say that in Poland there have been tremendous changes.

But do you believe that in any of these countries there exist conditions which allow free and unfettered expression of dissatisfaction with the regimes?

I think that in Poland there is far more opportunity for the expression of dissenting opinion than used to be the case. I am sure that throughout Eastern Europe it is much more difficult to be "again the Government" than in Metropolitan Britain, but the comparison with British Africa would be rather different.

In saying this I am not expounding suppression of intellectual liberty in Eastern Europe. I am simply saying that we also have to put our own house in order in the Colonies.

I am against tyranny of any kind.

As a member of the British Communist Party and special correspondent of the Daily Worker, did you at any stage in Budapest make any direct protest to the Hungarian Communist Party leaders or to the Russian Embassy on the excesses which you have described but which failed to be published in the Daily Worker?

I did not regard it as my job to do so. I have many friends among Hungarian Communist journalists, and when I saw them I made no secret of my point of view.

Neither, as I think you will agree, did I pull my punches on this matter in discussions with my British colleagues.

To what extent, do you judge, was the public support for the rising against the Communist Government of Hungary and the Russian occupation?

I should say that the rising against what I would describe as the so-called Communist Government of Hungary was supported by 99 per cent of the people, including a great number of the ordinary honest rank and file members of the Communist Party.

Nobody wanted the Russians to stay. Nobody wanted the secret police. They were sick and tired of them both.

In view of the overwhelming evidence which you and I have seen, none of which you deny, do you believe the Russians are capable of taking similar action against any of the satellite countries should they rise in the Hungarian manner?

Unfortunately, yes.

You and I saw the overwhelming massiveness of the Russian attack on the remnants of a very poorly equipped Hungarian militia. You agree, I am sure, that this was no police action?

Indeed, I do. My fundamental moral position on this is that I cannot protest at what I regard as British aggression in Egypt without also protesting against Soviet aggression in Hungary, which I myself witnessed and which I regard as brutal, criminal, and totally unnecessary.

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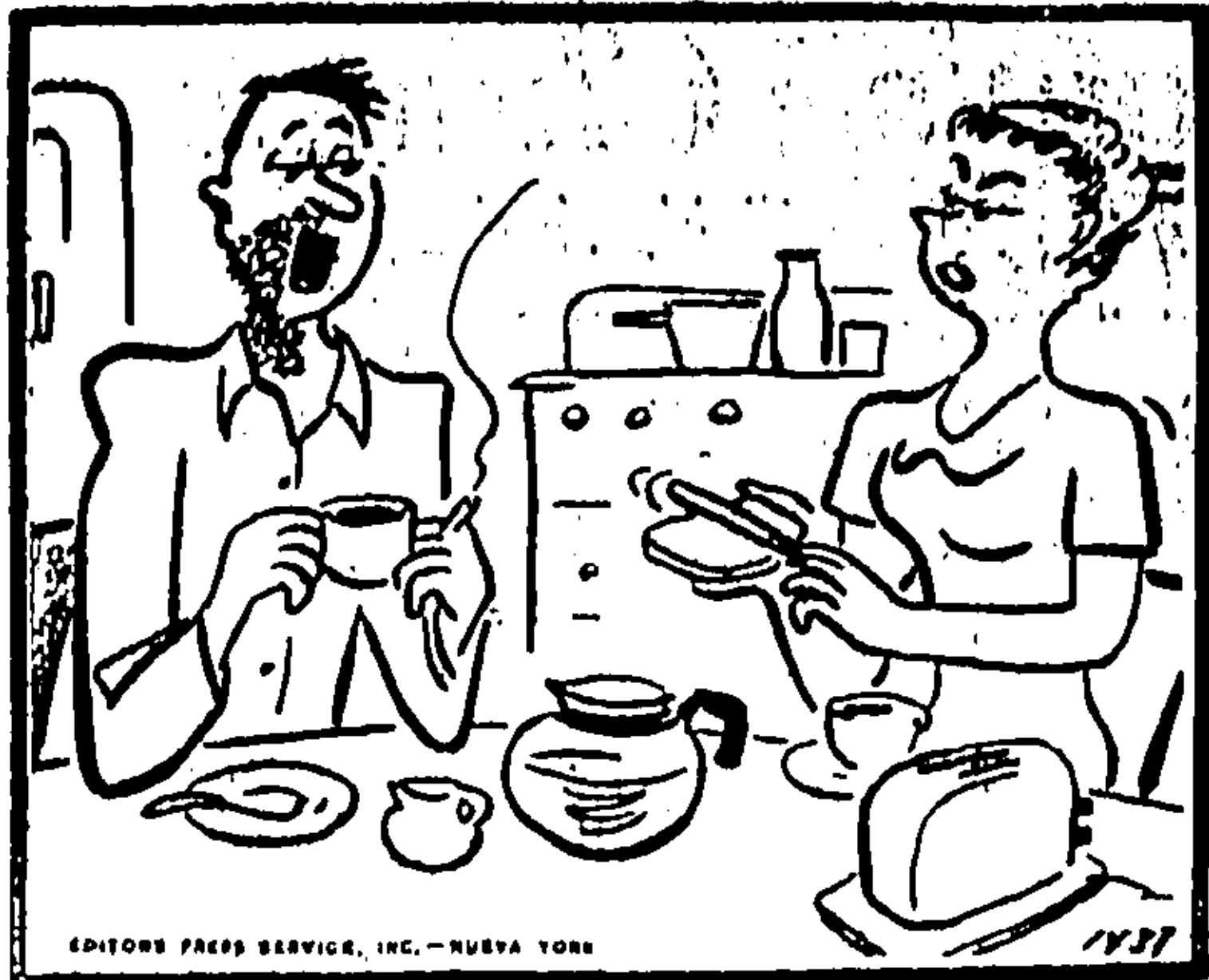
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## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

**NYHATTYR NEDIE BOKK.** says one of the oldest folk-proverbs, a distillation of the wisdom of the Swedish Lappmark.

Bold indeed would be the man who, understanding what it means, would venture to contradict it. Bold still would be the man who, not understanding what it means, would venture to dismiss it as trivial. To avoid wrangling and re-education I leave it to that.

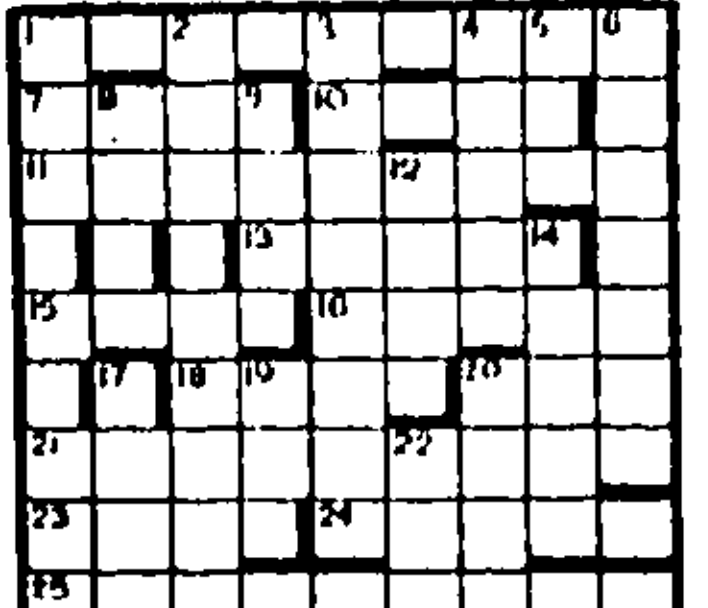
### Mrs Whybrass remembers

**FOULENOUGH'S** housekeeper, Mrs Whybrass, has a powerful imagination. Her loyalty to her employer expresses itself in amazing reminiscences. She will tell the neighbours on the slightest provocation, that she was the Captain's old nanny at the family place. "Well I remember," she says, "the day I came to this new and big place, I was told, 'There was a lady, the old General, who all over with medals like a pitcher-galley, and 'twas in the oldest port we had.' 'Nanny,' says she to me, 'Woe it is, my lady, says I, 'An they 'e took, Britain's pride, 'in that become a capting afore you could say knife!'"

### Harem United

"MASTER of the Universe," said the sunny gazelle one day, "know that the lord

### CROSSWORD

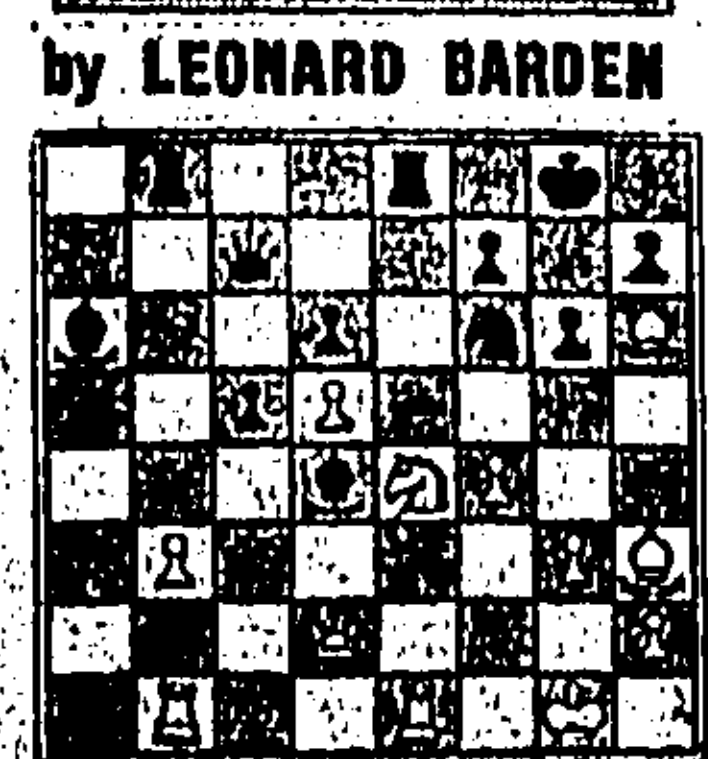


- Across
1. Thor's race makes music. (9)
  2. A failure especially among high divers. (5)
  3. Old-time fiddler. (6)
  4. Metal lured and dangled and faces are. (4, 5)
  5. Doors slightly moved. (6)
  6. Travel. (4)
  7. There are quite a few shopping ones in Oxford. (6)
  8. A goddess of Oxford. (6)
  9. Palatine was. (3)
  10. But no one could say he was this. (9)
  11. This used to be a song for stubborn. (4)
  12. Short great, with a direction inside for the horse. (10)
  13. The backbone of the Army. (10)

- Down
1. Fine frock (anagram). (9)
  2. It's apt to be thrown away when it's empty. (5)
  3. Owling after the end. (6)
  4. It follows the flag, it's said. (5)
  5. Broken in Hyde Park. (6)
  6. Criminal like to have a declaration of this. (7)
  7. Soak down under your feet. (4)
  8. Husband and row just how important this is. (4)
  9. Close by another name it looks like. (4)
  10. Cheap one. (4)
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## MINK FARMING BECOMES BIG DANISH INDUSTRY

Copenhagen, Nov. 29.

Danish farmers, long famous for their  
bacon, butter and eggs, have unosten-  
tationally developed in recent years one of  
Denmark's major industries.

The extent of the expan-  
sion in the Danish fur  
trade may be judged by the  
fact that about 500,000 mink  
pelts will be offered this season  
at the four seasonal auction  
sales held in Copenhagen. The  
first of these sales begins in  
December.

In 1955, the total of pelts  
offered was 408,000.

Buyers from all over the  
world, and notably from North  
and South America, attend the  
sales. Trade figures show that  
fur, chiefly mink, are now  
Denmark's third largest export  
line to the United States.

### Weasel Family

The mink is a member of the  
weasel family. Its diet consists  
mainly of meat and fresh fish.  
As Denmark is surrounded by  
water, fresh fish is always  
abundant, while the farms  
also provide over the whole  
country ensure regular supplies  
of fresh meat.

The Danish climate has also  
proved to be particularly  
favourable for mink breeding.  
The winters are sufficiently  
cold to make the mink produce  
lighter wool for warmth, and  
the prevalence of wind and rain  
encourage the development of  
strong top hairs to protect the  
underwool.

But climate alone cannot do  
the job. Danish fur farmers,  
always on the look-out for  
better ways and methods, have  
not neglected to make use of  
their genius for cooperation.  
They all belong to the Danish  
Fur Breeders' Association,  
which caters for their interests  
in research, breeding, and sales.

At the experimental farm run  
by the Association, experts carry  
out research on feeding stuffs,  
inheritance, size of animals,  
quality of fur and other  
subjects.

There is a well-known saying  
that a leopard cannot change  
its spots. But it is true that  
the spots, or rather the colour,  
of some other animals can be  
changed.

### Close Study

A close study of genetics has  
enabled modern fur farmers, by  
breeding from mutations, to  
change nature itself. They  
have created a number of new  
and more fascinating fur  
colours, which have nothing to  
do with artificial dyeing but  
which, by the natural order of  
things, will last as long as the  
fur itself.

Preliminary research, spon-  
sored in Denmark by the  
Government, has been stimu-  
lated by the general develop-  
ment of the fur trade. The abundance  
of money in circulation in most  
countries since World War II  
has encouraged the sale of high  
class furs. More and more  
women have aspired to "social  
standing" through the posses-  
sion of a mink coat which is  
both serviceable and very hard-  
wearing.

Mutations, that is, gradual  
hereditary changes, are among  
the factors which have helped  
to popularise the mink as a fur.  
In its natural state, the mink  
is a handsome and becoming  
brown colour, with a rather  
darker back.

As a result of intense study  
and work, the Danish mink  
farmer can today produce furs  
from 100 per cent white  
through the clear sapphire  
colour and all the different  
mutations to the brown,  
standard mink.

### Tight Control

The Danish pastel mink has  
not only retained the light  
brown pastel shading found in  
the natural mink, but has also  
been improved to bring out the  
coveted bluish tinge in its  
underwool.

In fact, Danish mink breeders  
are so proud of some of the  
mutations which they have  
achieved that they have imposed  
a tight control to prevent mink  
farmers abroad from getting  
hold of them.

The quality of Danish mink  
farming is shown by the fact  
that about 100,000 of the  
500,000 pelts to be auctioned  
this season consist of the  
expensive mutation mink—  
nearly twice as many as last  
year.

Amateur buyers, contrary to  
what might be expected, have  
been showing a tendency to  
import mainly skins of mediocre  
quality which are sold relatively

cheaply here. The finest  
qualities of Danish mink are  
being bought more and more by  
European countries. Large  
customers are Britain, Germany,  
the Netherlands, Switzerland,  
Italy and France.

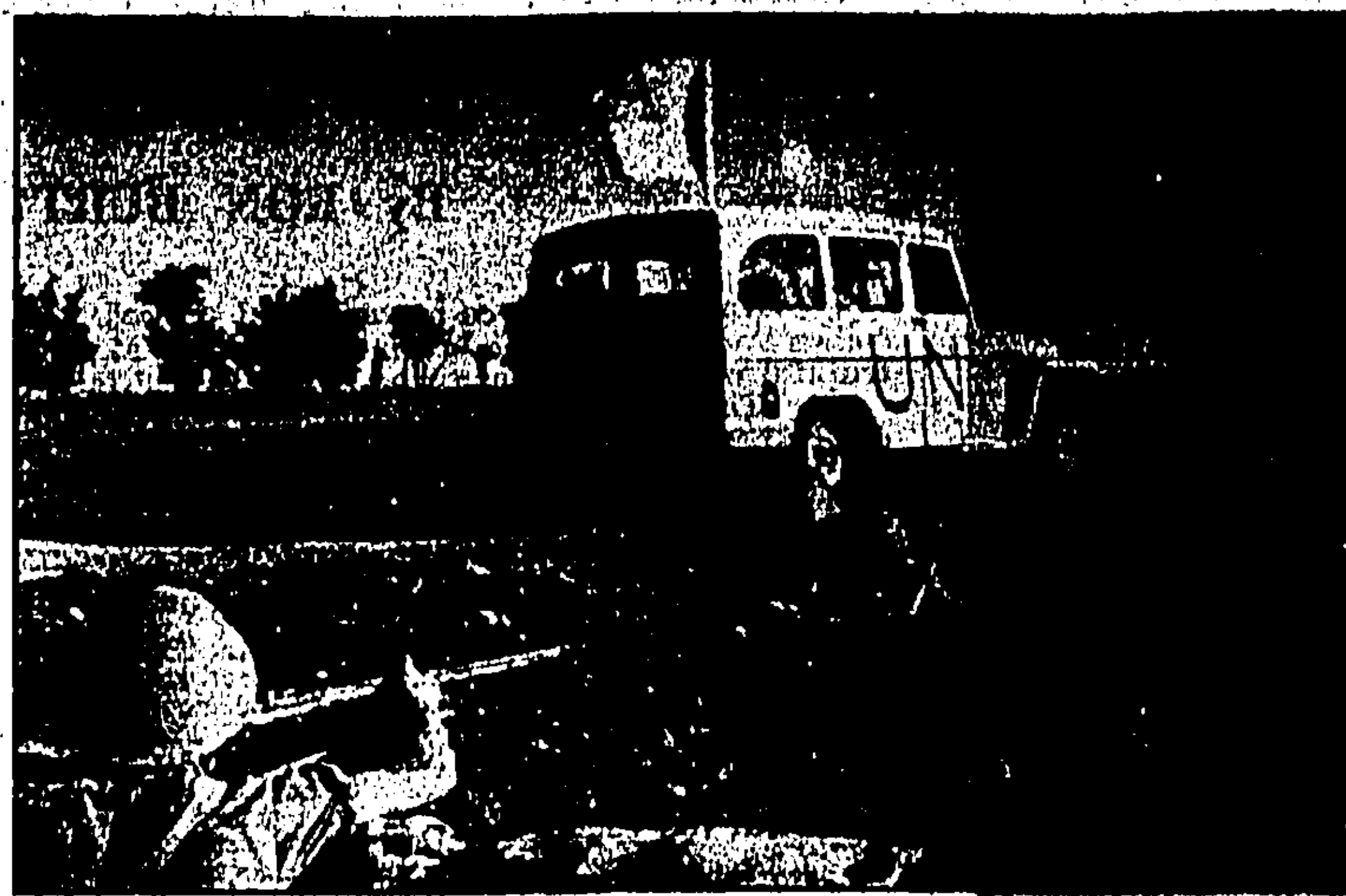
### National Asset

From being a farming side-  
line when it began in a modest  
way 20 years ago, fur breeding  
has now become an important  
national asset. One reason for  
the success of the 2,500 Danish  
fur farmers scattered throughout  
the country, is their singularity  
of purpose. Just as bacon  
farmers have improved the  
quality of their product by con-  
centrating on improving one  
particular type of pig, the  
landrace, to meet particular  
needs, so fur farmers have done  
the same by concentrating over-  
whelmingly on one animal—the  
mink.

Cooperation in breeding and  
marketing, as in all branches of  
Danish farming, have also  
played a big part.

### Turnover

Sales of mink have risen  
twenty-fold in just over ten  
years since the fur breeders set  
up their own sales agency.  
"Danish Fur Sales", in  
Copenhagen. The firm is  
believed to be the biggest on the  
continent of Europe.  
In 1955, the turnover of the  
Copenhagen mink auction sales  
exceeded 50,000,000 Danish  
crowns (about £2,500,000 ster-  
ling), which is a record for  
mink auctions in Europe. This  
season's figures are confidently  
expected to show a considerable  
advance on last year's total.—  
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Japan, 6 p.m.  
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Zealand, 6 p.m.  
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tugal direct, 11 a.m.  
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Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America,  
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Canada, 4 p.m.  
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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
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Macao, 6 p.m.  
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Macao, 6 p.m.

## BETWEEN THE LINES

## PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS IN U.S. 7TH ARMY

Stuttgart, Nov. 29.

Officers of the United States Seventh Army  
say that one per cent of their total troop strength  
is being treated each year for psychiatric  
disorders, causing an average annual loss of  
600,000 man-hours.

The cases rank from mild  
character disorders to serious  
mental illnesses. But for each  
man in the psychiatric wards  
there are four or five others  
working below peak efficiency  
on their jobs.

Medical officers of the Seventh  
Army, stationed in southern  
Germany, estimate that nearly  
half of all patients interviewed  
by general military physicians,  
are in need of some sort of  
psychiatric treatment. It is the  
aim of the Seventh Army  
psychiatric programme to see  
that they get it before a man is  
really mentally sick.

### Initial Programme

The initial mental health pro-  
gramme started about three  
years ago when the divisional  
commander ordered the division  
psychiatrist to spot and treat  
men who showed signs of the  
beginning of a mental or emo-  
tional upset. Medical officers say  
that the programme has result-  
ed in decreased rates of absence  
without leave and fewer other  
incidents.

Trained Seventh Army  
specialists are now guiding about  
1,500 men each year in an  
effort to stop trouble before it  
gets serious.  
Doctors and unit commanders  
work hand in hand. It is the job  
of company and battalion com-  
manders to spot the disorders  
or emotional upsets and report  
the cases to the medical authori-  
ties.

Prevention, rather than cure,  
is stressed in the programme.  
Newly assigned medical  
officers must attend courses held  
at the principal hospitals run by  
the United States Army in  
Europe. Their training is aimed  
primarily at prevention of  
serious disorders. It points to  
what psychiatrists call the  
"golden hours" of mental malad-  
justment, when guidance can  
give a man a mental push  
towards readjustment.

### Asked For Help

Seventh Army medical officers  
point to a number of cases

which, they say, illustrate just  
what the mental health pro-  
gramme aims at. There was, for  
example, the veteran of 18  
years' service who asked for  
help, complaining of anxiety and  
chest pains which had persisted  
for half a year. The man's unit  
Commander told the doctors  
that he had been left parentless  
at an early age and had been  
abandoned from one orphanage to  
another. He finally landed in an  
institution for juvenile delin-  
quents before he struck out on  
his own. He had an army  
career, a wife and four children.  
The psychiatrist found that  
nothing was wrong with him  
physically and that his pains  
were due to his emotional up-  
set. Mental guidance brought  
about his full recovery.

Another case cited by the  
medical officers is that of a  
corporal suffering from alcohol-  
ism who came to seek help after  
he had been involved in several  
incidents of drunkenness and had  
been in trouble with his Company  
Commander.

### Horrible Experience

The corporal, a Korean  
veteran, had suddenly developed  
furies, nervousness and head-  
aches. He had already been  
demoted once and seemed well  
on the way to being reduced to  
the rank of private, or a more  
serious punishment. He was able  
to curb both drinking and  
brawling after he had been  
helped to trace his anti-social  
behaviour back to a horrible  
experience in a Korean rice  
paddy.

Another simple case from  
Seventh Army files was much  
more complicated. An alert, in-  
telligent boy was haunted by the  
idea that "people are talking  
about me." One night, while he  
was on guard, he was approached  
by an officer who found him  
shaking. He almost  
dropped his rifle when addressed.

During consultation with the  
army psychiatrist, the boy said:  
"He (his Company Commander)  
thinks I am a homosexual", al-  
though no such accusation had  
been made.

It turned out that the boy  
was basically insecure in his  
relations to all other people and  
thus fearful that he might have  
real homosexual tendencies.  
Treatment revealed that as a  
small boy he had been turned  
against women by an aunt who  
beat him at the slightest provo-  
cation.

### Tape Recorder

His complex was such that  
during examination he once  
asked the army doctor: "I know  
it is silly, but did you have a  
tape recorder in here yester-  
day?" He paced from door to  
window, looking "on spikes."  
This man had to be sent to  
hospital for extensive treatment.  
Seventh Army medical officers  
do not consider that there is  
any exceptional rate of mental  
disorders among their troops.  
They say that when men are  
faced with genuine problems too  
overwhelming to cope with, the  
danger of mental illness is al-  
ways there.—China Mail Special.

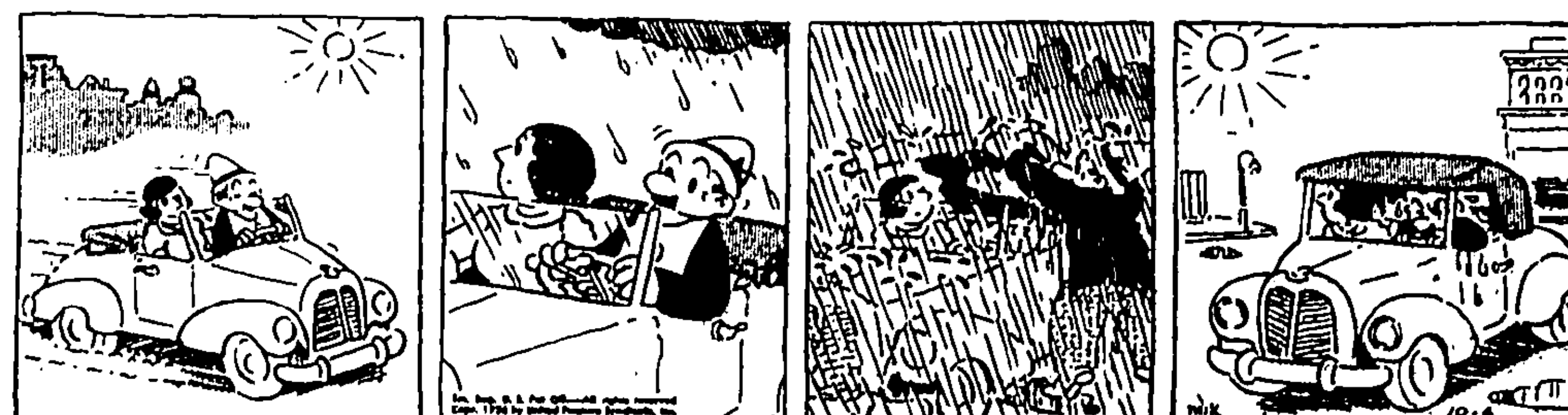
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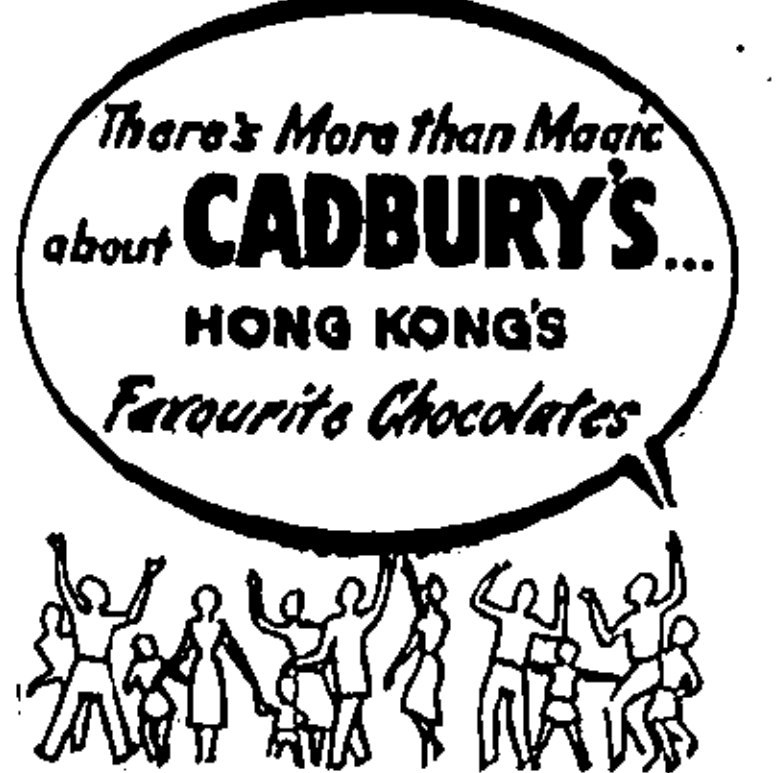
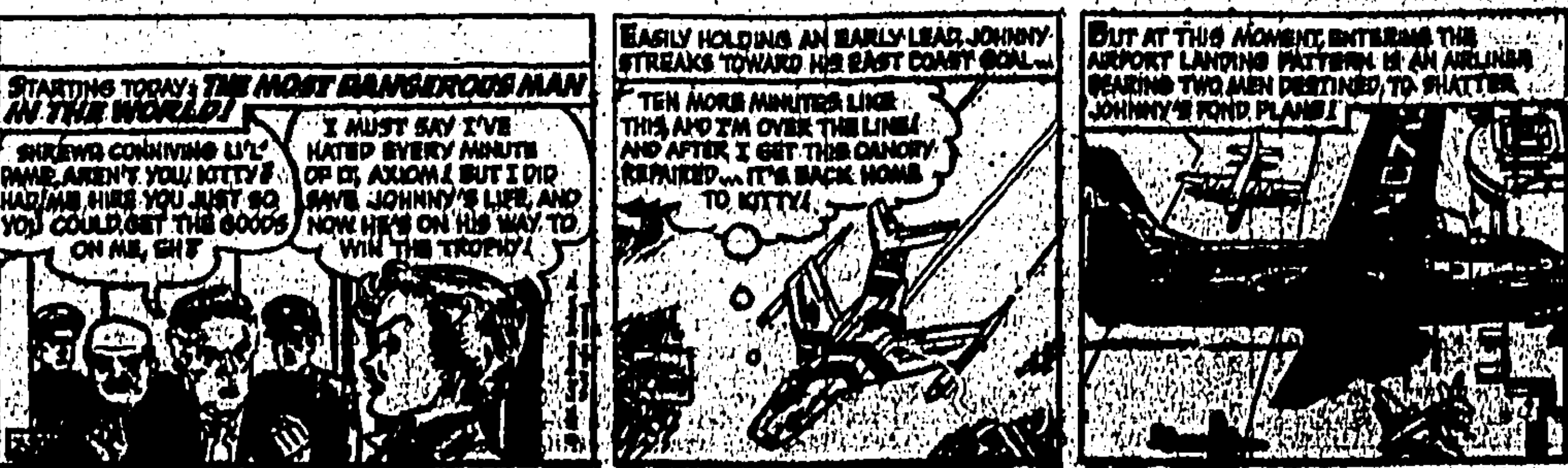
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## Full Scale Syria-Iraq Clash Unlikely

Washington, Nov. 29.  
United States officials to-  
day showed no disposition  
to act quickly on Iraq's  
request for defensive weap-  
ons against a possible  
attack from Syria.

State Department officials said  
that the request, made on Mon-  
day, was still under considera-  
tion. But they could give no  
intimation when an answer  
might be given.

Washington's diagnosis of  
the Syrian-Iraq situation was  
that Syria, led by a shaky  
government, would be highly  
unlikely to undertake a military  
adventure against Iraq at the  
moment.

The 25,000-man Syrian army,  
and the Syrian reserve of an  
estimated 10,000 irregulars and  
gendarmes, was believed to be  
poorly trained and incapable of  
effectively using at this time  
the modern Soviet equipment  
reported entering the country.  
Similarly, Iraq's three-  
division army, was not considered  
capable of absorbing heavy  
modern equipment, and putting  
it to efficient use at the present  
time, even in the United States  
made it available.—China Mail  
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